



# DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE DISTRICT

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*“The District’s housing market is on the move. Last year alone, we built or rebuilt more than 2,400 homes – more than half of them East of the River. I want to continue that record of success across the city—and make the District first in the nation in new homeownership.”*

Mayor Anthony A. Williams

With housing units in production across the city, the promise of new housing and retail development in Columbia Heights and new a Director at the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Mayor Williams is keeping his promise to bring economic development – and homeownership – to every corner of the District.

**NEW NUMBERS TELL A POWERFUL STORY.** In July 2001, DHCD committed to a record number of local projects to bring new housing and commercial opportunities to District residents. The department’s new housing projects will create **more than 2,000 new and rehabilitated housing units** across the District. Look for Mayor Williams’ announcement regarding the accomplishments of DHCD and HFA in the next few weeks.

**NEW DEVELOPMENT IN COLUMBIA HEIGHTS.** On Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Redevelopment Land Agency (RLA) released a **Request for Proposals calling for the development of 7 sites** for residential, retail and commercial facilities in along 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Columbia Heights. This is the latest step in Mayor’s Williams efforts to bring neighborhood-based economic development, mixed-income housing and retail opportunities to Columbia Heights.

These proposals will compliment the Tivoli Theater and Grid USA projects, which will begin construction in Spring 2002. For a copy of the complete RFP, please visit DHCD’s website: [dhcd.dc.gov](http://dhcd.dc.gov)

**NEW LEADERSHIP AT DHCD.** On Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Williams named **Stan Jackson the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development.** “As a longtime resident of Anacostia, Stan understands the needs of the District, said Mayor Williams. “Stan comes to DHCD with more than 20 years of experience working for the District government. He has the business knowledge, personal skills and administrative tools to make DHCD a success—and help more District residents become homeowners.”

Under Stan’s leadership, the Mayor looks forward to implementing the programs and achieving the objectives outlined in my housing legislation:

- protecting affordable housing and reducing displacement,
- converting vacant and dilapidated buildings into new housing
- and promoting new housing for people of all incomes.

“I’m proud that – for the first time in a generation – my administration has offered comprehensive, balanced legislation to keep people in the District and turn the dream of homeownership from a scant wish into concrete reality,” commented the Mayor.

#### NOTABLES AND QUOTABLES

- Officials from the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Housing Finance Agency met with Alphonso Jackson, Deputy Secretary of HUD. The topic: affordable housing. The goal: to help low- and moderate-income families afford homes in the District.
- Eric Price, Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, and Dr. Natwar Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer traveled to New York last week and met with several rating agencies (including Moody's and S&P). The topic: retail and housing development in the District. The result: officials from the rating agencies will tour the District – to witness our economic development first-hand – in the fall.
- District officials met with officials from the Army Corps of Engineers. The topic: finding ways to expedite the clean-up of Camp Simms.

#### AND DON'T FORGET...

What better time to shop tax-free? What better place to shop than D.C.?

The District's **Sales Tax Holiday** is your chance to celebrate at our city's retail stores by **purchasing clothing, shoes and school supplies tax-free!**

From **Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – **Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**, you can buy individual items valued at \$100.00 or less with no sales tax! (There's no limit on total purchase, only a limit on individual cost). From downtown to Georgetown, Georgia Ave to Wisconsin Ave, Good Hope Road to Military Road, Ward 1 to Ward 8, you'll get two full weekends of shopping tax-free!

The District's Sales Tax Holiday is designed to support our local merchants, encourage District residents to shop in the city—and help parents, guardians and loved ones prepare their students for success in the upcoming school year.

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